

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1. (original): A method for cleaning a magnetic head using a cleaning tape comprising a substrate and a cleaning layer, wherein the cleaning tape has a stiffness of 2 or less in a width direction, and the magnetic head has trenches substantially parallel to a sliding direction of the cleaning tape.

Claim 2. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning tape has a stiffness of 0.5 to 2.0 in a width direction.

Claim 3. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning tape has a stiffness of 1.0 to 4.0 in a longitudinal direction.

Claim 4. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the substrate has a thickness of 4 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 5. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the substrate has a thickness of 6 to 9  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 6. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning layer comprises carbon black.

Claim 7. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning layer comprises a ferromagnetic metal powder.

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Claim 8. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the substrate has a mean plane average roughness of 12.0 nm or smaller.

Claim 9. (original): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the substrate has no peaks of 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  or higher at a surface thereof.

Claim 10. (currently amended): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning ~~tape comprises the substrate~~layer comprises an upper layer and a non-magnetic lower layer between the upper layer and the substrate, with the lower layer containing inorganic powder and a binder, and the  
~~cleaning layer, in this order.~~

Claim 11. (previously presented): The method for cleaning a magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning layer has a thickness of from 0.05 to 0.3 $\mu\text{m}$ .